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BRUSSELS FOR EMBASSY AND FAA

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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSED TRANSFER OF MARAD FROM PARIS
TO BRUSSELS

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1. EMBASSY WISHES CALL ATTENTION TO SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT ON ITS OWN OPERATIONS SHOULD MARAD OFFICE BE MOVED FROM PARIS TO BRUSSELS. WHILE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS REFERRED TO IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 1 REFTEL EMBASSY HAD IN FACT INDICATED THAT IN PRINCIPLE IT FORESAW NO SERIOUS OBJECTION TO MOVE, THIS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A NUMBER OF CAVEATS THAT COULD NOT BE ADDRESSED UNTIL IT WAS KNOWN, WHICH WAS NOT THEN THE CASE, WHETHER COMMERCE WOULD DEFINITELY PROPOSE MOVING THE OFFICE TO BRUSSELS.

2. ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, STAFFING POSES LIMITATIONS OF COURSE, ON EXTENT OF ADDITIONAL MARITIME WORKLOAD EMBASSY COULD ASSUME FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF MARAD OFFICE.

WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT MARAD OFFICE LOCATED IN BRUSSELS HAVING REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE US MUCH OF SAME KIND OF TECHNICAL SERVICES AS AT PRESENT, THROUGH MARATT TRAVEL FROM BRUSSELS IN SAME MANNER THAT SUCH SUPPORT IS NOW PROVIDED TO OTHER POSTS FROM PARIS BASE OF OPE-
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RATIONS. CONFIRMATION IS REQUESTED THAT THIS WOULD INDEED BE

THE CASE.

3. ON ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE, THERE IS PROBLEM OF FN POSITION WHICH REFTEL INDICATES WOULD ALSO BE TRANSFERRED TO BRUSSELS. WHILE POSITION IS FULLY FUNDED BY MARAD, INCUMBENT'S SERVICES ARE SHARED WITH FAA AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS PART OF ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY SIMILAR POSITION SHARED BETWEEN MARAD AND FAA IN LONDON IS FULLY FUNDED BY FAA. HOWEVER, AS FAA/WASHINGTON AND FAA/BRUSSELS ARE WELL AWARE, FN POSITION IN QUESTION, WHICH IS AS MUCH THAT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AS SECRETARY, IS INDISPENSABLE TO TRC SECTION AND SPECIFICALLY TO FAA COMPONENT. HENCE, TRANSFER OF PRESENT FN POSITION TO BRUSSELS WOULD REQUIRE CREATION OF NEW FN POSITION HERE AND NEW FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPLORED BETWEEN STATE AND FAA. ONLY OTHER SECRETARIAL POSITION IN TRC SECTION IS AMERICAN PROGRAM SLOT. EMBASSY WOULD WISH THIS PROBLEM OF LOCAL SECRETARIAL SUPPORT TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE MARAD MOVE WOULD BE FIRMED UP. STONE

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